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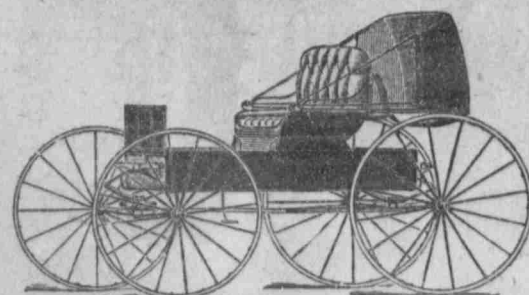
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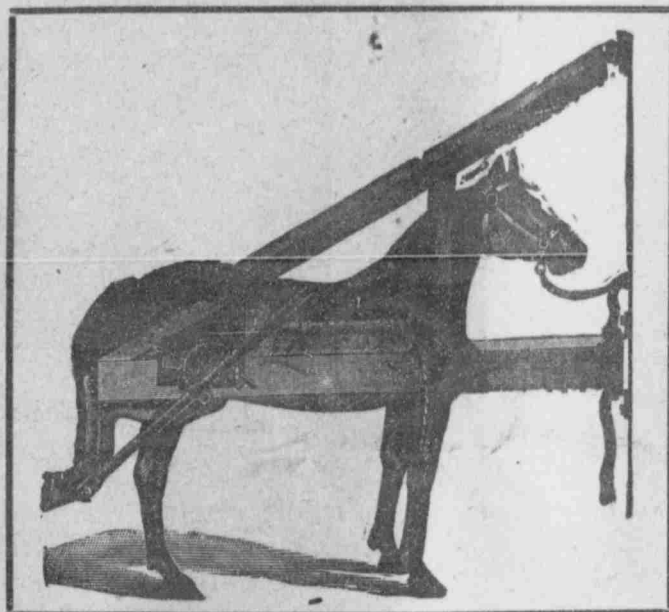
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SO SOON ARE WE FORGOT.

Neglected Spot Where "The Forefathers
of the Hamlet" Lay.

THREE HUNDRED GRAVES OF THE EARLY FAMILIES
OF HOPKINSVILLE A PREY
TO VANDALS.

A Congressman, a Governor's Wife and the Ancestors of
Many of Us Are Buried There—Now An
Isolated Spot.

Can storied urn or an animated bust
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?
Can Honor's voice provoke the silent dust,
Or Flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of Death?

forever, so far as Hopkinsville is concerned. Others are still here, represented by the descendants, and in a few instances by the children, of those buried in the forgotten graves.

In a beautiful spot on the bank of Little River, once selected for its romantic situation and the beauty of its landscape, stretching westward and northward to the hilltops miles away, is the first public cemetery opened to the people of early Hopkinsville. It was a part of a public plat of land used for this purpose and for educational purposes. On the lot adjoining it was located the school property recently converted into residence lots. As the cemetery remains today, it is an isolated square, one square removed from the river and two squares west of Main street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. The cemetery is about 200 feet from north to south and 350 feet from east to west. It is surrounded by a wire fence, by no means secure, and is set in forest trees, locust bushes, and brambles and in summer with a rank growth of weeds. There remain perhaps 180 tombstones, the old-style upright slabs or boxed stone vaults. Some are well preserved, many are broken and defaced, others are mere rock with all inscriptions obliterated by the lapse of time. Many have been altogether removed and so scattered and broken by vandal hands, that it is no longer possible to tell what graves they marked. In addition to these stone-marked graves, there are perhaps one hundred marked only by rude headstones and some are altogether unmarked.

The lots appear to have been originally separated by narrow walks, but it is hard to distinguish them nowadays. Nearly all of the graves have the heads to the west and the graveyard was evidently abandoned because it was filled to overflowing.

As shown by the dates on the stones, the cemetery was opened in 1812 and used until the fifties, only one grave bearing a later date. The last person buried there was Dr. Augustine Webber, who was interred in 1873 by the side of his wife, who died 33 years before. The headstone placed to his grave is broken off near the ground and the part containing the inscription lies flat on the ground twenty feet or more from the grave it once marked.

In the grave of a child named Anna Weir Kelly, who died in 1830, has grown a large tree two feet in diameter, that partly incloses the headstone.

Not far away in the grave of Mrs. Lucinda Wood, who died in 1821, there is now an elm tree of immense size, which has also grown around the headstone. The tree at the ground, with its great gnarled roots, is fully five feet in diameter.

Between the graves of Thos. J. Lambeth and Mary Harrison, near the south side of the lot, is a small hole from which emanates the foulest of odors, a menace to the health of the living as well as an insult to the memory of the dead. It evidently communicates with sewer gas escaping from some source.

On the same side a portion of the grounds are being desecrated by intruders in a most degrading manner, holes having been cut in the fence which leave the "city of the dead" virtually without protection, literally turned into the streets.

The names on many of the tombstones have passed away

"Think of man as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I;
As I am now, so you must be,
Prepare for death and follow me."

The Census of The Dead.

(The dates refer to birth and death.)

Allen, infant Sam'l and Mary Allen, aged one day.

Allen, Henry, son of Sam'l, aged two months.

Allen, Margaret, consort of Sam'l, 1815-1834, (died of consumption).

Allen, Sarah W., consort of Sam'l, 1811-1836.

Allen, Elizabeth, consort of Henry Allen and daughter of John and Elizabeth Summers, 1782-1836.

Bell, Mrs. Mary, 1825, rest of inscription gone.

Breathitt, Elizabeth, daughter of Peyton Short and wife of James Breathitt, 1804-1827.

Breathitt, Peyton Short, child of James Breathitt, 1823.

Breathitt, infant of James Breathitt, 1817.

Bouldin, Mrs. Mary, wife of W. A. Bouldin, died 1818.

Bouldin (probably) inscription gone.

Blair, J. W. Esq., died 1817.

Blairs (probably) three stones obliterated.

Bailey, Mrs. Selena C, 1771-1815.

Boyd, Aaron, 1801-1850.

Bradley, Louisa E, 1834-1836.

Bradley, child footstone "R.H.B."

Bradley, Robt. S., Jr., 1836-36.

Curd, Mrs. Louisa C, consort of John C. Curd, 1839.

Clark, Wm. M., 1801-1819.

Clark (probably) large tomb, inscription gone.

Campbell, Mrs. Love D., wife of Alexander Campbell and daughter of Guy and Love Kinkaid, d. 1834.

Crow, Eleanor G., wife of Philip

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